

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF
ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN HYDE PARK, NEW YORK

HON. CHRISTOPHER P. GIBSON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Mr. GIBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of New York's 20th District to recognize the Bicentennial Celebration of the historic St. James' Episcopal Church in Hyde Park, NY. I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the community service and historical value that this 200 year old parish has provided our district, state, and nation.

St. James' Episcopal Church was founded in 1811 with the help of several prominent figures and families in this historical region, including Dr. John Bard—President George Washington's personal physician during the Revolutionary War—and the Livingston family. A statue of Robert Livingston is one of the New York statues in the U.S. Capitol Building.

While the parish continued to be home to many prominent local and state figures for the next 100 years, the next parishioner to become a national figure was President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. After his baptism as a child in the chapel at St. James', President Roosevelt began his 39 year service to the parish as a vestryman in 1906, which ended upon his death in 1945. In fact, his pew—the third from the front—continues to be honored. The funeral of his First Lady, Eleanor Roosevelt, was also held at the church in 1962, with King George VI, Queen Elizabeth, Presidents Harry S. Truman, Dwight Eisenhower, and John F. Kennedy all in attendance.

Unfortunately, St. James' was devastated by a fire in June 1984 that enveloped most of the church buildings, with the original black walnut pulpit being one of the few items to not be destroyed. The parishioners, appreciating the historic and cultural value of the parish and the buildings themselves, joined together and fully funded its reconstruction, making it as close to the original specifications as possible.

St. James' Episcopal Church continues to be a major spiritual and cultural bulwark to the community of Hyde Park and Dutchess County, contributing to the projects and groups such as the County Rural and Migrant Ministry, the Dutchess County Coalition for the Homeless, an After School Reading Program ministry, and the Boy and Girls Scouts of America.

I am proud to serve such a historical and dedicated parish as that of St. James' Episcopal Church. Their year-long Bicentennial Celebration is truly an example of the American spirit and embodies the concept of a Shining City upon a Hill.

COMMEMORATING THE 37TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. ALBIO SIRE

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. SIRE. Mr. Speaker, thirty-seven years ago, on July 20, 1974, nearly 200,000 Greek Cypriots fell victim to a Turkish invasion of

northern Cyprus. They were forcibly evicted from their homes and became refugees in their own country. Today, Turkey continues to occupy more than one-third of Cyprus with more than 43,000 Turkish troops, making the occupied area of Cyprus one of the most militarized areas in the world. In addition, mass violation of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of the Cypriot people continue, as well as forcible ethnic segregation and division of the Greek Cypriot and Turks Cypriot communities.

During the invasion, Greek Cypriots were expelled from their homes, resulting in the usurpation and illegal exploitation of the property belonging to the Greek Cypriot refugees. Massive colonization of the occupied areas of Cyprus has also occurred over the past several decades through the illegal placement of more than 160,000 Turkish mainland settlers, who now outnumber the indigenous Turkish Cypriots by almost two to one. Furthermore, cultural destruction and religious desecration continues in northern Cyprus, where many churches, chapels, monasteries, and numerous archaeological sites have been looted, vandalized, or destroyed.

I had the opportunity to visit Cyprus several years ago and observe first-hand the devastation that the occupation has had on the island for 37 years. Upon my return, it has been a goal of mine to work with my colleagues in Congress to promote a reunified and prosperous Cyprus where Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots can live together in peace, security and stability and clear of foreign aggression. On July 20th we must remember our Cypriot friends and commit to work with them to reunify the island.

HONORING IRWIN NALITT FOR A
LIFETIME OF SERVICE

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Irwin Nalitt, who at 93 has decided to retire from his position as Councilman of Monroe Township in New Jersey. Councilman Nalitt moved to Monroe in 1982, when it was still largely a farming community. Since he first was elected in 1988, Councilman Nalitt has been instrumental in leading the Township's growing and increasingly active population.

Most people are ready to settle down when they reach the age of 69, but Councilman Nalitt was just starting his busy career as a public servant. Councilman Nalitt has held positions as a member of the Monroe Township School Board and Planning Board and served as the President of the Concordia Civic Association for several years. Even today, Councilman Nalitt remains active on the Monroe Township Master Plan Committee and Library Board of Trustees, and he is the Council Advisor to the Commission on Aging.

One of Councilman Nalitt's most noteworthy accomplishments was the opening of the Monroe Township Library in 1989. He and his late wife Helen were very active in the library's construction and maintenance, and they volunteered many hours to make the library a useful and inviting part of their town.

I have had the pleasure of working with Councilman Nalitt on many matters and know him to be one of the finest public servants in the state. One project was to implement his vision of a free shuttle service that would take passengers around Monroe and to surrounding towns. I was pleased to secure federal funding for this project and to work with Councilman Nalitt to ensure that this service not only would be affordable and convenient for residents, but also would ease traffic and boost the local economy.

While the Township of Monroe has rapidly transformed, Councilman Nalitt has remained a constant source of wisdom, generosity and humor. His sense of duty and purpose is a comfort to the residents of Monroe Township, and his bright humor is always well-received at Council meetings. Though he will be stepping down as Councilman, he plans to stay on the Library Board and the Commission on Aging. Councilman Nalitt has been a cornerstone of the Council for more than 20 years, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing his many contributions and commend his active citizenship as a model for all community residents.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2354) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Chair, I'd like to thank my colleague from California for allowing me to join him in offering this very important bipartisan amendment.

As we are discussing fiscal issues and trying to make responsible spending cuts, I'm confused as to why ARPA-E is even on the table. It is one of the most effective and efficiently run programs in the Federal Government. It is an example of what we are doing right. An example of a place where we not only should be investing in scientific research, but where we need to be investing.

Let's look at the internet. We all know that the internet is a product of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, or DARPA. DARPA was established in 1958 in response to the Soviet launch of Sputnik. Back then, Congress knew that it was government's role to address what was not only a matter of national security, but also pride.

Now, let's look at the energy industry today. We have lost our technological lead, we are no longer number one in innovation, our competitors are rapidly outpacing us in advanced energy fields. Worst of all, we're addicted to foreign oil. Moreover, we are consuming more energy than we are producing, and it is not sustainable.

No matter what combination of sources you think is the answer, there's no arguing the energy crisis in this country is today's Sputnik.

Yet instead of working together to make sure that future generations will have electricity, we're voting to ban efficiency standards for light bulbs. Where are our priorities?

Most of us know, and all of us should know, that we cannot rely the private sector to invest in basic research. Companies need to make profits, and they need to minimize risk. Basic research is risky. However, the return on investment is often smaller compared to the return to the economy as a whole. That's why it's the role of government to make these investments, especially now, as we are coming out of a recession.

Google recently released a comprehensive report which examined the potential impact of what breakthroughs in energy technology could mean for the United States. They found that certain key innovations could: grow the U.S. economy by over 155 billion dollars in GDP per year; create over 1.1 million new jobs; save consumers over 942 dollars per year; reduce U.S. oil consumption by over 1.1 billion barrels per year.

ARPA-E will allow us to make the breakthroughs needed for these outcomes. If anything, we should be increasing funding for this vital program.

Take, for example, one of the projects that Case Western Reserve University is working on in Northeast Ohio. It involves high-power titanate capacitors for power electronics. This project will develop novel capacitors for power electronics in the hybrid electric vehicle and consumer electronics markets. The capacitors are designed with metallic glass that allows spontaneous self-repair. This self-repair allows the devices to be driven to higher voltages and thereby achieve higher energy density. The market for capacitors in power applications is 1.6 billion dollars per year.

Research like this is what will make this country prosperous again. We cannot afford to cut this program, and I urge my colleagues to support this amendment.

HONORING DANIEL COCHRAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Daniel Cochran. Daniel is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Daniel has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Daniel has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Daniel has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Daniel Cochran for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE ACT

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the No Child Left Inside, NCLI, Act. This legislation, which successfully passed the House of Representatives in 2008, seeks to address some of the most pressing issues of our time: our children's health, education, and future jobs. By creating an environmental education grant program and providing teacher training for environmental education across the curriculum, we can prepare our children for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics jobs that will be the cornerstone of the United States' 21st century economy. Riding the wave of interest across the country that has brought together an NCLI Coalition with over 2,000 organizations representing over 50 million Americans, this legislation is a down payment to grow the next generation of scientists, promote environmental stewardship, and encourage Americans to live healthier lifestyles. In addition, research shows that hands-on, outdoor environmental education has a measurably positive impact not only on student achievement in science, but also in reading, math, and social studies.

Despite these important benefits, environmental education is facing a national crisis. Many schools are being forced to scale back or eliminate environmental education programs. The No Child Left Inside Act seeks to give schools and teachers the resources and flexibility to spark the imagination of our nation's children and I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this important bill.

FLOOD INSURANCE REFORM ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1309) to extend the authorization of the national flood insurance program, to achieve reforms to improve the financial integrity and stability of the program, and to increase the role of private markets in the management of flood insurance risk, and for other purposes:

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 1309, the Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2011. This important bill reauthorizes the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) through Fiscal Year 2016 and secures the program's near-term fiscal health. Minnesota has experienced its fair share of flooding this year. This bill is vitally needed to help communities in my state and states across the country recover from natural disasters.

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) was established by Congress under the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968. The

NFIP is a federal program that enables property owners in participating communities to purchase flood insurance in exchange for state and community flood protections. The National Flood Insurance Program is the primary source of reliable, affordable flood insurance coverage for about 5.6 million homes and businesses.

H.R. 1309 takes the necessary steps to ensure the NFIP's long term viability by encouraging broader participation in the program, eliminating wasteful subsidies, and updating the program to meet needs of the 21st century. Lastly, this bill delays the mandatory requirement for homeowners in newly classified "Special Flood Hazard Areas" to purchase flood insurance. The three year delay ensures affected homeowners are not suddenly burdened with new insurance costs and allows them adequate time to challenge new flood zone designations.

I urge my colleagues to support the Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2011.

HONORING MICHAEL J. STACK, JR.

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my dear friend Michael J. Stack, Jr. Mike left us yesterday. But, his spirit will live on forever.

Mike was deeply rooted in Philadelphia's civic and political life. His father served in this body from January 3, 1935–January 3, 1939. But, in many ways, the son eclipsed the father. Mike, Jr., was a quiet giant. He was an accomplished attorney and a forceful advocate for regular people. He was a loving husband and father. And, you can find his face next to the definition of the word friend in the dictionary.

But, Mike kept a special place in his heart for the people and the committee people of the 58th Ward. Mike never asked me for anything for himself. But, he was always fighting for the needs of the people he represented. The word "no" wasn't in his vocabulary when it came to them. And they loved him for it.

Mike Stack, Jr.'s, career spanned the great events of Philadelphia's history. He was active in the election of every Democrat mayor of Philadelphia in the 20th and 21st Centuries. He played a major role in the rise of our party in the city and in our state. And he was an important advisor to all of our elected officials, especially to me.

Mike was also a prolific writer, having penned four novels. More importantly, he leaves a living legacy behind him. The love of his life, Fay, served with distinction on the bench. And Michael, III serves in Pennsylvania's Senate. But, we are all a little poorer today for having lost this giant of a man.

I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring his life and in expressing the condolences of this House to his family.